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GENEVA FOR BOSTER, CSCE; VIENNA FOR RESOR, MBFR

ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD HAVE IN MIND STATEMENT MADE DURING
DISCUSSIONS HERE DECEMBER 4 AND 5 WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU
ON CSCE AND MBFR. RELEVANT PARAGRAPH FROM PARA. 5B OF
REPORING TELEGRAM 240920 FOLLOWS:

"CSCE AND MBFR - CEAUSESCU ASKED THAT THE US AT GENEVA
ENCOURAGE MEASURES OF MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT AND ALSO THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT BODY. ON MBFR, HE EXPRESSED
THE OPINION THAT THINGS WERE NOT GOING THAT WELL BECAUSE
NOT ALL OF CENTRAL EUROPE IS BEING DISCUSSED AND BECAUSE
THE REDUCTIONS BEING CONSIDERED ARE ONLY SYMBOLIC. THE
PRESIDENT COMMENTED THAT DISCUSSIONS ON MBFR ARE GOING TO
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BE DIFFICULT BUT THAT WE WILL BEAR IN MIND THE CONCERN FOR
COUNTRIES LIKE ROMANIA. SIMILARLY, WITH CSCE WE ARE SENSI-
TIVE TO THE INTERESTS OF ROMANIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH
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THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AS TO HOW THE
CONFERENCE SHOULD EVENTUALLY COME OUT. THE PRESIDENT ASKED

THE SECRETARY TO SEE THAT THE CLOSEST CONSULTATIONS TAKE
PLACE WITH ROMANIA ON BOTH SUBJECTS." RUSH

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